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SUBJECT: FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE FOR NNPC VISITORS
OWOKALU AND OKAULA

REF: LAGOS 1688

1. AF/W CONTACTED COLORADO OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION ABOUT VISIT OF OWOKALU AND OKAULA. MR. FRANK PIRO, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE COMMISSION, SUGGESTS THAT VISITORS CONTACT HIM OR DIRECTOR DOUGLAS ROGERS DURING THEIR WEEK IN LITTLETON TO SET UP A TWO DAY CONSULTATION. PHONE NUMBER: (303) 839-3531. PIRO STATED THAT A PROGRAM, TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 10-11, COULD BE SET UP DEPENDING ON INTERESTS OF VISITORS. THE PROGRAM COULD INCLUDE VISITS IN DENVER AND/OR A TRIP TO THE FIELD TO OBSERVE REGULATORY ACTION. PIRO SAID THAT HE BELIEVED ROCKY MOUNTAIN PARK MAY BE INACCESSIBLE DUE TO SNOW, BUT THAT ANY HOTEL IN DENVER WILL BE ABLE TO ARRANGE DAY TRIPS INTO THE MOUNTAINS. PIRO RECOMMENDED BROWN PALACE HOTEL AS UNCLASSIFIED

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"NICEST" IN DENVER, AND HILTON HOTEL AND COSMOPOLITAN HOTEL AS LESS EXPENSIVE ALTERNATIVES. NO RESERVATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE. PLEASE ADVISE PREFERENCE.

2. AF/W SPOKE WITH MR. BOB HARRIS OF TEXAS RAILROAD COMMISSION WHO SUGGESTED THAT PROGRAM COULD BE SET UP FOR MARCH 6-9, BUT THAT LETTER TO COMMISSIONER

SHOULD PRESENT FORMAL REQUEST. LETTER HAS BEEN SENT
BUT WE CANNOT EXPECT REPLY UNTIL LATE NEXT WEEK.
HARRIS SUGGESTED DRISCOLL HOTEL AS MOST TRADITIONAL
HOTEL IN AUSTIN AND SHERATON CREST AND HILTON AS
ALTERNATIVES. DRISCOLL AND SHERATON WITHIN WALKING
DISTANCE OF TRC HEADQUARTERS. PLEASE ADVISE PREFERENCE.

3. NAGEL OF PHILLIPS PETROLEUM IS OUT OF TOWN UNTIL
FEB. 21. WE WILL DISCUSS PROGRAM WITH HIM THEN.
WE ARE ALSO WORKING ON SUGGESTIONS FOR TRAINING PRO-
GRAMS AND WILL ADVISE.

4. IF OWOKALU AND OKAULA TRAVEL BEFORE FINAL ARRANGE-
MENTS HAVE BEEN MADE, SUGGEST THEY CONTACT DESK OFFICER
HELEN WEINLAND UPON ARRIVAL. VANCE

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